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1. GERMAN BOMBING OF LONDON
2. INFORMATION FROM THE FRIENDS
3. INTELLIGENTSIA

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To DIRECTOR.

1. In recent nights the ~~SAUSAGE-DEALERS~~ [KOLBASNIKI][i] have been stepping up the bombing of LONDON, whilst the gunfire has fallen off slightly. The SOUTH HAMPTON railway junction has been damaged [and][a] traffic [1 group unidentified]. Admiral EVANS [ii], who is in charge of the shelters in LONDON, stated to the MASTER [KHOTAYIN][iii] of the METRO [iv] that a one-ton bomb dropped there had made a crater 21 metres deep. A 250-kg bomb dropped last night in the HATTON GARDEN area destroyed a chemical works and badly damaged our trade delegation [building][a]. Information on a map captured from the SAUSAGE-DEALERS reveals that LONDON is divided up into small squares and each has a numbered target in a definite [C% category]. The SAUSAGE-DEALERS are over LONDON throughout the night, one aircraft at a time on each flight path.

2. According to the FRIENDS' [DEUZ'Ya][v] information the SHORT aircraft factory in ROCHESTER has been completely destroyed and 5,000 workers are being transferred to SWINDON, where new production of [1 group garbled] and transport aircraft will be developed on the basis of the PHILLIPS aircraft factory where trainer aircraft were produced previously.

3. INTELLIGENTSIA [INTELLIGENTSIA][vi] confirms that the British really do render delayed-action bombs safe by freezing [b] the bombs' exploder mechanism.

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(cont. GABLER)

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VENONA

~~TOP SECRET~~

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Notes: [a] Inserted by translator.

[b] The Russian term may be taken literally or metaphorically.

Comments: ✓ [i] SAUSAGE-DEALERS: the Germans.

✓ [ii] EVANS: Admiral Sir Edward R.G.R. EVANS, appointed LONDON Regional Commissioner for Civil Defense in 1939.

✓ [iii] MASTER: The Ambassador.

✓ [iv] METRO: The Soviet Embassy.

✓ [v] FRIENDS: members of the Communist Party.

✓ [vi] INTELLIGENTSIA: See also LONDON's Nos. 812 of 25th July 1940, 895 of 16th August 1940, 987 of 6th September 1940, 1099 of 2nd October 1940 and 1165 of 15th October 1940.

✓ [vii] BRION: Col. I.A. SKLYAROV, Soviet Military and Air Attaché in LONDON 1940-1946. This is the earliest occurrence of the covername BRION as a signature (or address) in a LONDON message.